

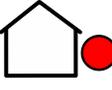
Diwali



 
Preparing for Diwali

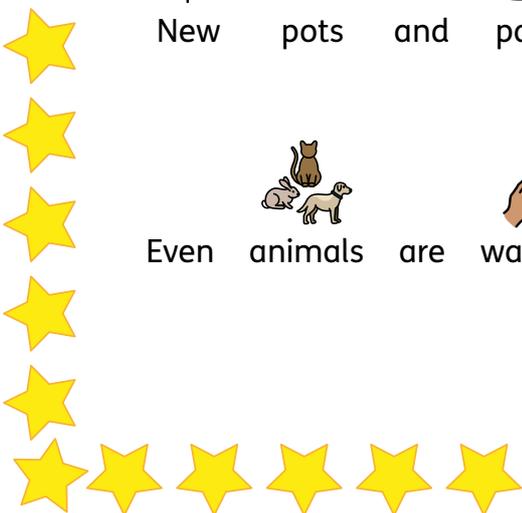
   
In preparation for Diwali, houses are scrubbed clean.

  
Doorsteps are decorated with 'Rangoli' designs.

    
Houses are painted inside and outside.

    
New pots and pans are bought.

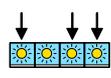
    
Even animals are washed, groomed and decorated.



Diwali



    or  
People wear their best clothes or buy new ones.

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Very often gifts are exchanged between family and friends.

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Special food is prepared and beautifully decorated with

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nuts, spices and edible silver paper.



    
Fireworks are lit during the festival of Diwali.